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A few notes that may be of use
to those who I may leave when I
am gone & trust to the better care
Parent My Grand father on my Father's
side was James Battlet He was a
1736 small Farmer and he also made
Carts & ploughs for the Farmers in
his neighbourhood. I have heard
from those who knew him, that
he was a man of more than
ordinary common sense and was
often called on to settle differences
between neighbours. My Grandmother's
name was Mary nee Sharp, she
belonged to a Family that was
well known in the parish.

(I mean the parish of Forres in the
County of Moray.) It has been
said that the Notorious Bishop of

Family. Their Family consisted
of James who was a boatswain
in the British Navy the time of
the French War he was either killed
or died as he never came home
George died in infancy Susan
married George Chalmers a small
Farmer in the same parish then
Alexander My Father then
Theodore who got a Classical
Education and went to the West
Indies about the beginning of
1800 the present Century it was said
he fell from his horse and was
so hurt that he died. and the
fourth of the Family was Margaret
who died after she came to be
a young woman. The Bartlets
and Shanks were all strongly
affiliated to the Episcopal Church

of Scotland. My Grandfather must have been born sometime before the Battle of Culloden as my Father was born in the year 1780 —

My Grandparents on my Mother side were William Redford and Barbara Alexander. My Grandfather was born ~~at~~ in the year 1740 in the Parish of Marnock. My Grandmother came from the Parish of Rothiemay all in the County of Banff. My Grandfather was a very respectable farmer in the Parish of Marnock and an Elder in the Church regularly conducted family worship in his family as long as he was able and died at the long age of 86 my Grandmother died a few years after him. After leaving the Farm my Grandfather was bought

up on they came to live on a small farm in the Park of Inverkeithing
There Family consisted of William who went to London and was in a very good position but took Consumption and came home and died, Barbara was the eldest daughter she was simple, the next was Helen who was married to George Lague farm in midtown of Faddo and Factor to the small Estate of Faddo, then came my Mother Mary, after her comes the youngest who rented the Farm of Kirkland in the Parish of Fyvie where he died in 1857, My Mothers people were all buried in Graveston of Carnock my Father in the graveyard of Fyvie
There it's a memento of my Father and Mother in that graveyard

My Father when a young man had
a great desire to go abroad but
Mr Morrison the Landlady of the
Estate of Bogrie being about the
same age as my Father was much
attached to my Father and often
took him away with him hunting
and fishing, and sent a man to do
his work on the small farm which
he occupied after my Grandfather
died, and Mr Morrison used to
try to get him married and wait for
a few years and he would give him
a better farm, In the mean time
he got acquainted with my Mother
and although there was some opposition
on my Mother's people she being
Presbyterian and he Episcopalian
they got married, My Father was when
young a very fine looking strong wellmade

man. My Mother went to the Kirk
for two years after she was married
but afterwards took the notion to
go with my Father and became
even more bigotted than he was
when I say bigotted I do not mean
to say that she was ignorant of the
true method of salvation through
the merits of a Crucified Saviour
I think they must have lived about
5 years or between five and six years
on the small farm when Mr Morrison
rented to my Father the Home farm
and old Mansions House of Main's
of Bognie with its fine garden
where we grew up to boyhood and
lived very happily. The recollection
of my early days will always be
pleasant. There were four children
of us Barbara the oldest named

after my Mother Mother was born in
the year 1810 James (myself) October
22 1813 William 1816 - and Alexander
December 31, 1822 - My Sister and
I were sent to a school kept by a
Woman when I was about five years
old. I think I learned very fast but
I was kept away from school one
summer, and forgot almost all I
had learned, at which I was very
much distressed when I went back
but I soon got on again and was
never kept away again until I was
brought, after I could read pretty
well & and My Sister was sent to
the Mucha Squeel or rather the
Parish School of Payne, a short
time after William was also sent
I recollect I was somewhat afraid
at first but soon got over all fears

I learned fairly well and was
put in Latin before very long. William
was put in but only continued for a
short time. One of the Boys who were
put in along with me was John
Stuart who afterward became somewhat
famous, both as Secretary of the
Spaulding Club and an Edinburgh
Statesman and Deputy keeper of the
Register House Edinburgh. While
we went to school of Forgue our
road lay through what was
called the Burnbank a very pretty
pasture field belonging to the Farm
of Mains of Bognie my Father kept
his young cattle and young horses
and the burn of Forgue ran through
the middle of it we had stepping stones
that we crossed on sometimes we went
barefooted. We had great fun over

with a kind of Oyster shell another
perimeter Oysters we would collect
them in a row along side the Burn
among the sand but just in the
edge of the water and before night
when we came back from school
they would be gone along way from
the place we stuck them in. They
had no feet and of course we
could not understand how
they got away - These days were
the happiest days of my life my
Father and Mother were both alive
and very kind - When I was about
ten years of age my Father took me
away from the school of Forres and
sent me to the school of Inverkeithing
Mr Webster the schoolmaster was a good
scholar myself but was not such
a good discipline master. Mr Morrison

The schoolmaster of Inverkeithing was
much famed in that part of the
Country and very successful he always
sent a class to the university every year
and he generally had from twentyfive
to thirty boarders, when I went there
I used to begin over again, and go
over all my rudiments, My poor
parents thought that I would be
somebody but they did not live to
see or perhaps they would have been
disappointed, I lived all the week
at Melton of Haddo and came home
on Saturday, My dear Mother had
by this time taken consumption and
was sick for about one year every thing
was done for her that could be thought
of she was taken to the Highlands
to goat milk and of St. Mares milk
and also Womans milk, the Woman

who kindly gave her the milk was a
daughter of Mr Burns a neighbour;
farmer who was married to a man of
the name of Noble and Doctor Brewster
was always so kind and when my
Father got his bill he was perfectly
astounded at the smallness but all
would not do her time had come
and she was willing to go, Mr Thompson
(Mary and Louise or Turner Maggie as she
was called) came and took care of
her for the last five months of her
life and did it so well I hope she
is now resting in reward, My Mother
died November 1824, It was then that
I began to feel the trials of every day
life, My Father was kind enough
but home was not the same after
we had been so happy as children
and the place we lived at was

so pretty and we never experienced
any want and the beautiful Lodore
supplied us all the fruit we required
and William and I used to eat all
the gooseberries & apples &c. we wanted
without any stint. My sister was
sent to live with my grandfather
and go the school of Inverkeithing
but she never liked it she affianced
first at the school of Forres
then she was sent to St. Edmund for
a short time to learn sewing &c.
My Brother Alexander was three years old
when my Mother died and used to be nursing
a good deal by Mr. George whose son went
to England and was a rector in the County of
Durham. He visited our place and was very
kind to us. Some years after Dr. Cruckshank
who was medical attendant on my Mother
and Father was much our friend and now

been much pleased had Mr George taken
me with him to England but he did
not offer and he was not asked.

The Farm of Mains of Bogue was very
dear rented and my Father fell behind
a little in his rents. He left that
place and got the farm of Mains of
Drumollo a smaller farm with a
curious old mansion house with
very thick walls and small windows
and iron stanchions. He did a great
deal of improvement on the place
building new houses and breaking
up new land. But he only lived
about 2 years and died on Feby 1827.
My Uncle James Redford
and George Chalmers managed
the farm until the crop was
taken off that year when everything
was sold. and there was barely

ough to pay all the debts as
there was very little got for the
improvement my father had made.
Then we were all scattered. I of
course staid at Midtown with
my Uncle and Aunt with whom
I had been living when going to
school at Inverkeithing. William
and Alexander were taken to
Kirkland to my Uncle James
Redford and my Sister went
with my Grandfather and
Grandmother. Providence opened
up these places for us poor Orphans
and our relatives were kind
to us. I was allowed to go to
school for some time to get a
knowledge of Arithmetic as it
was, not thought best to go on
in order to "prepare for the College".

Then I worked on the farm for several years and my Uncle gave me wages but I was never exactly treated as a servant. I was invited often to parties the same as my Cousins and my Uncle was very kind when he thought I was working too hard he would make some excuse and call me and tell me to rest I was asked to go and learn the Drug business with Robert Rithha and I have sometimes been sorry I did not go, but I had a natural disflection in myself which has been against me somewhat all my life. During the time I lived at Melton ^{after leaving school} I worked on the Farm from the time I was sixteen years of age until I was nearly twenty one when I sailed to William

my Brother that I did not see
much for us in this country would
it not be better for us to try America
and he said he was willing so we
made up our minds to leave at
Whitsunday 1835.—

Where I went to Middoune to live
My Cousins were all alive except the
only daughter Barbara who died of
Consumption at the age of 16' a most
beautiful girl, The oldest son
George was a bookkeeper in London
the second Alexander kept a clothes
business in Purwiff the third William
was to be the Father the fourth
James was licensed as a minister
and Robert the youngest succeeded
his Father as the three eldest
all died after coming to manhood
one looking man all of them

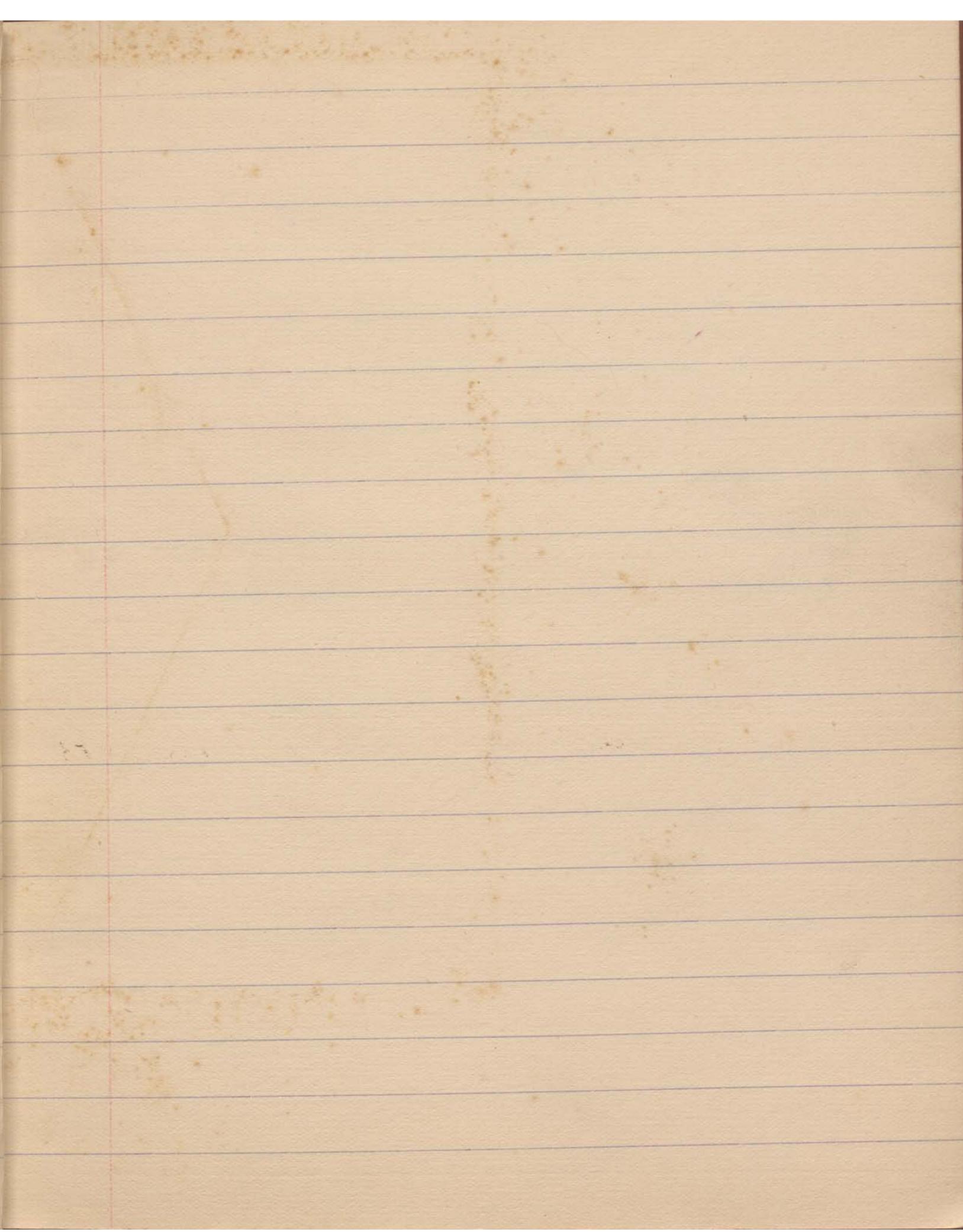
William was the most sincere Christian
I ever knew he died at the age of 37 after
being unwell for about 14 years —

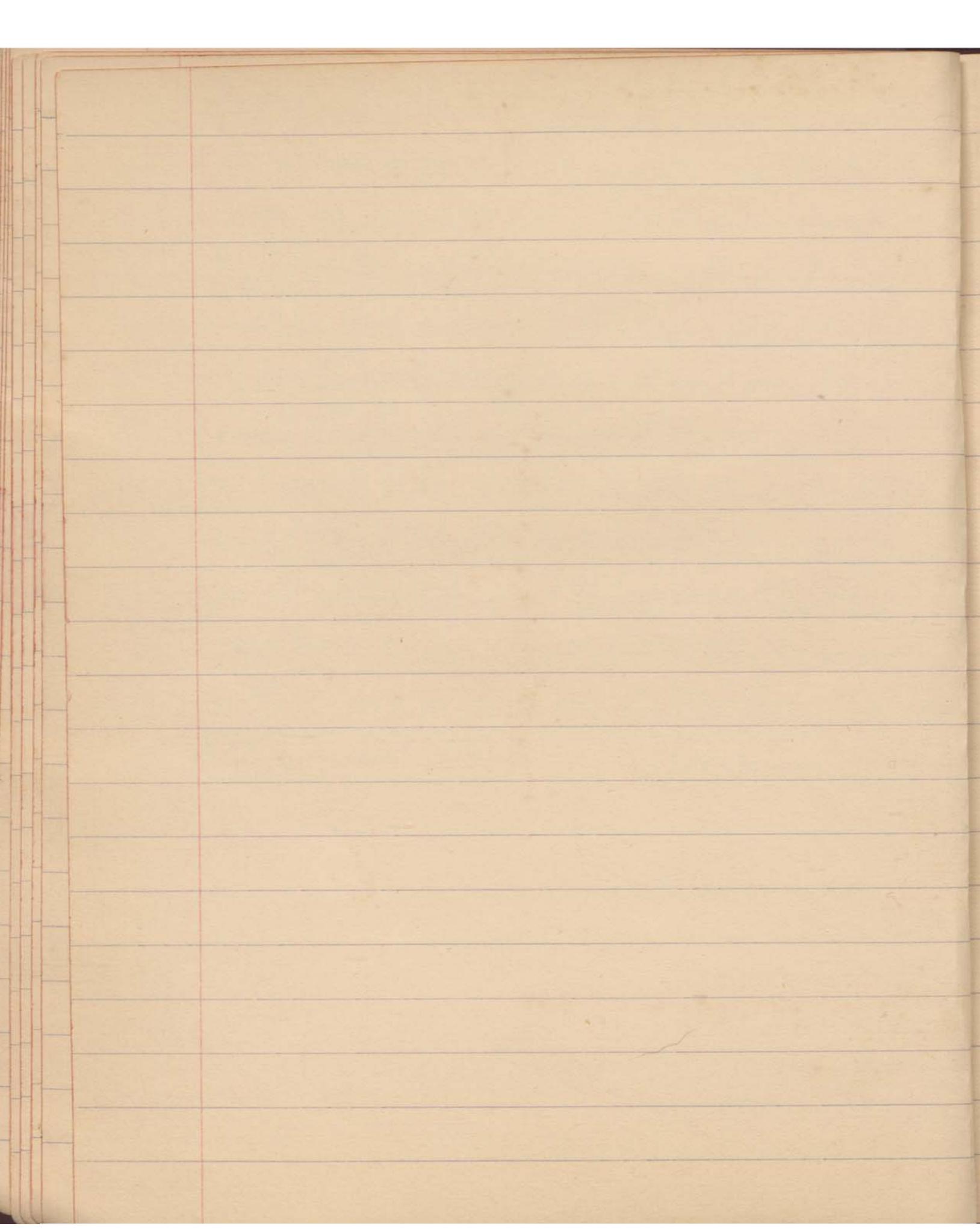
James became parish schoolmaster
in Mawrock but afterwards became
Rector of Fadze Academy and
only gave up when having become
enfeebled by age he died on March
1891 and was much eulogized in
the public prints. Robert as I said
before succeeded his Father in the
farm of Midtown of Hallao but
thought the place too dear and left
it for the farm part of Etlu where
he died in the spring of 1887 leaving
his youngest daughter all alone
Her Brothers and only Sister having
gone to foreign lands

When at Midtown I got well
acquainted with her who afterwards

became my best bilance Helen Walker
she was a very great favorite both
with my Uncle & Aunt in fact
They both wanted her for a daughter
but it was not to be after being
about six years in this country I
mean Canada I went home in
1841 and she came with me to this
country. Elizabeth her sister never
left the house herself was married to George
Francis and Christian her younger
sister was married to Robert Layne
W^r. Layne Christian died in 1883.

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Being at home all alone. I have
been thinking that as I have
long passed the three score
and ten. and being within
a very short time of being four
now having been born on the
22 of October 1813. My Breathing
not being very good many times
I am worried that my time
may not be long here - I thought
it would be best right to
settle any small affairs that
I have any right too -

There is a small piece of
ground which is part of Lot
12 east side of Merton Ave which
I have a deed for it is on the
north side of lot 13 and runs
to the alley I wish Elizabeth

and Williamson Bartlet my
unmarried daughter to have for
their own - and if it is thought
that I have any right to the house
and lot - 13 - of course I wish them
to have that also - I have
not anything else to give away
except some books, I wish
James & George Bartlet to have
the right to take any Books
they each have given me if they
so wish, if not that Elizabeth
and Williamson shall have
the whole of them to do as they
please, probably they will be
willing to give some of the books
as keep-sakes to the Grace Children
There is a very little silver - that
I claim a dozen of silver table
spoons - when I wish each one of

the Family to have one as there
are six of a Family then will
be just one each, if there are any
of the old silver spoons which
belonged to my old Grandparents
not divided. I hope E & M
will do right with them - the
spoons that belong to my
dear wife and myself I hope
they will be left to E & M
There are some old Carpenter
tools which I wish James
R Caulker to have for his
own, if he cares to take them
I have nothing more to give but
my blessing, which I give to all
my children and Grandchildren
George, Christies, and Mary.
I hope to meet everyone of them
through the merits of the dear Saviour

in the better Land where no
sin nor suffering shall ever enter

James Bartlet

P.S any furniture I have any claim
to I wish Elizabeth and William;
to have for their own use and
comfort — J B

